

REMARKS

Claims 71-166 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 71-73, 87-90, 92, 97-99, 102-104, 125, 131, 133, 136, 139, 154, and 155, canceled Claim 91 and has added new Claims 167-223. Hence, Claims 71-90 and 92-223 are now pending in the application and presented for examination herein.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Per Page 2 (Par. 3) of the Office Action, Claims 71-89, 93-101, 103-114, 131-138 and 140-166 stand allowed. Per Page 3 (Par. 4) of the Office Action, Claims 90-92, 102, 115-130 and 139 would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of those claims.

*Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph*

Per Page 2 (Pars. 1 and 2) of the Office Action, Claims 90-92, 102, 115-130 and 139 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, due to minor issues in these claims. By this paper, Claims 90-92, 102, 115-130 and 139 have been amended to correct these minor issues in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions provided in the Office Action, thereby overcoming this rejection.

*Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)*

Applicant files herewith an IDS, including PTO Form 1449, citing seventy (70) new references only recently discovered by Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests that these references be fully considered by the Examiner.

*New Claims*

Applicant has also added new Claims 167-223 hereby. Support for these new claims is replete throughout the original specification and claims including, *inter alia*, page 9, lines 1-8; page 14, lines 9-14; page 27, line 9 through page 28, line 1; and page 35, lines 9-14 (discussing Fig. 18).

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Applicant respectfully submits that these new Claims add no new matter, define patentable subject matter, and are allowable over the prior art of record.

*Telephonic or Personal Interview*

Applicant respectfully requests the favor of a telephonic or personal interview with the Examiner before his first substantive examination of the claims and new references presented in this response (as well as Applicant's co-pending related case, namely Appl. No. 10/874,782 filed June 22, 2004).

Applicant recognizes that it has submitted a significant number of new claims, as well as several new references, for consideration herein. Applicant believes that such an interview will greatly assist the Examiner in most rapidly and effectively examining the applications.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned directly as the date of such examination approaches in order to set a time and date convenient to the Examiner for such interview.

*Other Remarks*

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope, including those cancelled without prejudice herein, in a continuation or divisional application.

The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicants' position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on cancellations or additions of claims herein.

Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to any individual claim(s) should be considered to be limited to only such claim(s).


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If the Examiner has any other questions or comments, which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

Respectfully submitted,

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